

The Tragidie

of Richard the Third.

Dar. Aboone (my soueraigne) for my seruico done,  
Kin. I pray thee peace my loule is full of sorow.  
Dar. I will not rise vnlesse your highnesse graunt,  
Kin. Then speake at once what it is thou deriandest  
Dar. The forfeit(soueraigne) of my seruants life,  
Who flew to day a ryotous gentleman  
Lately attending one the Duke of Norffolke.  
Kin. Haue I a Tongue to doome my brothers death,  
And shall the same giue pardon to a slauē;  
My brother flew no man his fault was thought,  
And yet his punishment was cruell death.  
Who sued to me for him? who in my rage,  
Kneled at my feete and bad me be aduiside?  
Who spake of brother-hood who of loue?  
Who told me how the poore soule did forsake  
The mighty Warwicke, and did fight for me?  
Who told me in the field at Tewxbury,  
When Oxford had me downe, he rescued me,  
And sayd deare brother liue and be a King  
Who told me when we both lay in the field,  
Frozen almost to death, how he lappe me,  
Euen in his owne armes, and gaue himselfe  
All thin and naked to the numb could night?  
All this from my remembrance brutisla wrath  
Sinsfully pluckt and nota man of you  
Had somuch grace to put it in my minde.  
But when your carters or your wayting vassailles  
Haue done adrunken slaughter, and defac'd  
The precious Image of our deare redeemer,  
You straight are one your knees for pardon,pardon,  
And I vniustly too,must graunt it you.  
But for my brother not a man would speake,  
Nor I (vngratiouis) speake vnto my selfe,  
For him poore soule: the proudest one you all  
Haue beene beholding to him in his life:  
Yet none of you would once pleade for his life:  
Oh God I feare thy Justice will take holde  
On me, and you, and mine, and yours for this.  
Come Hastings helpe mee to my closet, oh poore Clarence

Glo. This is the fruit of rawnesse : marke you not  
How that the guiltie kindred of the Queene,  
Lockt pale when they did heare of Clarence death:  
Oh, they did vrge it still vnto the King,  
God will reuenge it. But come lets in  
To comfort Edward with our company. *Exceas.*

Enter Dutches of Yorke, with Clarence Children.

Boy. Tell me good Granam, is our Father dead?

Dut. No Boy, (breast?)

Boy. Why doe you wring your hands and beat your

And crie, Oh Clarence my vnhappy sonne?

Girl. Why doe you looke on vs and shake your head?

And call vs wretched, Orphanes, castawayes,

If that our noble father be aliue?

Dut. My pritty Cosens you mistake me much,

I dolament the sicknesse of the King:

As loth to loose him now your fathers dead:

It were lost labour to weepe for one that's lost.

Boy. Then Granam you conclude that he is dead,

The King my vncle is too blame for this:

God will reuenge it, whom I will importune

With dayly prayers all to that effect.

Dut. Peace children peace, the King doth loue you well,

Incapable and shallow innocents,

You cannot gesse who caused your fathers death.

Boy. Granam, we can: for my good Vnkle Gloucester

Told me, the King prouoked by the Queene,

Denis'd impeachments to imprison him:

And when he told me so he wept,

And hugd me in his armes, and kindly kist my cheekes,

And bad me relie on him as one my father,

And he would loue me dearely as his chiilde.

Dut. Oh that deceare should steale such gentle shapes,

And with a vertuous vizard hide foule guile,

He is my sonne, yea and therein my shame:

Yet from my dugs he drew net this deceite.

Boy. Thinke you my Vnkle did dissemble, Granam?

Dut. I Boy.

Boy. I cannot thinke it, harke, what noysc is this?

